SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22.

THE CURSE OF STRONG DRINK.

Proverbs 20:1; 23:20, 21, 29-35

Motto Text-"Wine is a mocker Prov. 20:1.

"Wine is a mocker." -- The word means scorner Wine is personi fied, and is represented as doing what the man under its influence does. The wine bibber scoffs at all that is serious and holy, and ridicules all th t is noble. "Strong drink is raging."-It leads to brawls, quarrels, murders How bitterly true this is can be seen in any issue of a daily paper. The real meaning of the word translated "mocker" is "scorn," but it is true also that wine is the greatest mocker in the world. By its stimulating property it makes a man feel 'good," feel that he is sure to have health and happiness and success It mocks him as the mirage does the travel er in the desert. "Whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise."- All men must know, from the results to others of drinking that wine and strong drink bring woes innumerable, and a wise man would not be deceived into believing that the results to him of drinking will be different from those to other people. "Be not among wine-bibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh "-Eating gluttonously is the idea, which is brought out in the next verse. Gluttony injures greatly. though nothing in comparison to the harm to wine-bibbers. "Drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags -Referring to the stupidity and sleepiness which comes both from drinking and gluttony.

This is one of the most graphic of descriptions. A drunkard can see himself as others see him in this mirror, The chapter is the advice of a father to a son, warning hin against the perils of the society in which he would find himself in life

"Who hath woe! Who hath sorrow!'-- The Hebrew words translated woe and sorrow are interjections. Who hath oh? Who hath of woes too great for human language. They are many as well as great. Woes of body and of mlnd and woes unutterably unreasonable because they are brought upon a man by his own senseless and deliberate folly. If a man had never seen a drunkard and it he was made a confirmed sot by one drinking, one might have pity and patience. ing examples all round them, and it that is doubtful, is only by continued drinking that they become confirmed drunkards.

"Who hath contentions?"-Drunkards are quarrelsome-which is the idea here. They have contentions those who would turn them from head. their evil ways; a contention with moved him had he been sober,

go to seek mixed wine."-Go to sa- and burden the heart."-Peloubet. loons in modern language, and "When shall I awake? I will seek drink wines made strong by drugs. it yet again."-Nature forces bim Mixed drinks cause speedy intoxi- to sleep off a debauch, but he recation. All sorts of poisonous things grets the time he must spend in ly by far than the liquors of the to drinking again as soon as possisame name of fifty years ago.

estine were generally red, and red is the poor victim of others who P. GHAY & CO., Plant

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wine was esteemed most. The command is not to put one's self in the way of temptation. Do not even very vile, contemptible and harden ook upon strong drink-stay away ed one A little more S riptura from the places where you will be talk to drinking men would be tempted. "When it giveth his color good thing, and a great deal less of in the cup."-It might be well for coddling sympathy. the benefit of scholars who do not know the reason and who are often Lexington M and D Meeting. puzz'ed by the use of the pronoun 'his" in such cases in the Bible for the teacher to explain that when our version was written the pronoun "its" had not been introduced into the language. His was used as the neuter possessive as well as the masculine.

For "colour" the Hebrew is 'eye referring to the sparkling of the wine. It is as though the cup had an eye with which it glanced at the drinker with a fascination he did not resist "When it moveth itself aright"--Goes down the throat smoothly and pleasantly. One who knew nothing of the terrible nature of strong drink might be deceived by the color and the sparkle of the wines, as a child by the lattles of drunkenness by total abstinence. going on, Not only refrain from touching.but even from looking upon it. A man who does this is safe, and he alone,

"A the last it biteth like a serpent," Whose poison is deadly. The East is greatly cursed with poisonous reptiles, some et which eth like an adder."-Which lay coil | ered, collection \$7.80, ed up in the dust unseen and unnoticed, ready with its deadly fangs Thus strong drink overcomes a man vho imagines that he is safe from

"Thine eyes shall behold strange comen "- Licentiousness is a con stant companion of drink. The words also mean strange things -a reference to the horrors of delirium tremens. "Thine heart shall utter perverse things."-The word perverse comes from the verb to turn things upside down A drunken man's idea of right and wrong are confused; he will utter words he would not dream of when sober. His words are confused also and stammering. How a man who has ever seen another drunk, and seen what an utter fool he made of him self, can drink, is one of the mysteries of sin.

"As he that lieth down in the midst of the sea."-Commentators differ as to the meaning of these alas? As strong description as if words. They may refer to the unconsciousness of one who is in the depth of the sea, hopeless or helpless, or to one tossed about on a boat in the sea. The drunken man is compared "too ne who is drowned or drowning, who is cut off from all his former pursuits and interests in life, and has become unconscious of surrounding circumstances." There may be a reference to the rolling, But men begin drinking with warn- unsteady gait of the drunkard, but

"Or as he that lieth upon the top of a mast."- A place of the greatest danger where no man in his senses would lie down. In just sach deadly danger is the drinking man, also between their appetites and and his folly is greater than that of their consciences; contentions with the man lying down on the mast

In the next verse the drunkard God and his law. "Who hath speaks. He is vaguely conscious of babbling?"-The most intelligent the things which had happened man talks silly when under the in- during his carousals. "They have fluence of liquor. Drunkards re- stricken me and I was not sick; veal secrets also. The word also they have beaten me and I felt it means complaints-complaints of not."--"This is the inebriate's conhis circumstances of his fellows, temptuous answer to the admoniagainst God. 'Who hath wounds tions of those who warn him of sick ment for the meeting. We are making without cause?"- Fighting on slight ness and wounds. He has been a strong effort to greatly enlarge our fu provocation, which would not have beaten but he felt no bruises. It for the erection of the New Dornitory was but the temporary results of a for State University and to make our "They that tarry long at the frolic. There is no occasion for best in its history. We need the support wine."-Men drinking all night, being troubled. Advice and warn- and encouragement of every friend in They indulge in sprees which last ing are of little use then. The very this movement and trust our hope will sometimes for weeks. "They that drinking habits dull the couscience be realized.

are put into the liquors of the pres-sleep. So far from being penitent ent day and make them more dead- and ashamed, he is anxious to get

"Look not thou upon the wine The Bible does not favor the when it is red."- The wines of Pal- sentimental view that the drunkard

are the guilty ones. The Bible represents him as a criminal and :

This body met Monday morning with Rev. W. J. M. Price in the chair, who conducted devotiona

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